

REMARKS

Applicant thanks Examiner Farahani for her patient and careful examination of this application and the clear explanation of the claim rejection. In response to the Office Action of February 23, 2006, applicant respectfully submits under 37 C.F.R. 1.131 a declaration to the fact that because the Uchikura patent (US 6,636,057) has a foreign priority date of October 20, 1999, which is later than the date on which the applicant's inventions are ready for practice, and therefore is not available as a prior art against the pending claims.

Applicant attaches with this paper evidence with the dates redacted that establishes reduction to practice the claimed inventions.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of all pending claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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